JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Wednesday, February 11, 2004.

Met according to adjournment at a quarter before two o'clock P.M.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God, Our Creator, we depend upon You and Your guidance for direction as we address, in a thoughtful manner, our legislative and personal responsibilities. Your assistance also enables us to recognize daily opportunities for serving You and the people who depend upon reasoned judgments and mature decisions. In carrying out our daily legislative work, help us to sort out and to articulate clearly for the electorate the may complex issues and policies which we face. In our diverse society, may we listen to and have respect for the personal opinions and views of all people, but remain committed to our own human, spiritual, religious values, priorities and principles. Inspire us as a people and a nation to work together and to unite our efforts in pursuing goals in which the needs of children, the elderly and the common good of all are on the top of our agenda.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Speaker, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Engrossed Bills.

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Bills

enacted

Further regulating certain structures to be exempted from certain harbor lines in the Merrimack River in the city of Haverhill (see Senate, No. 1188); and

Designating a certain bridge in the city of Quincy as the Honorable Paul D. Harold Bridge (see Senate, No. 1980, changed);

(Which severally originated in the Senate):

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Joint Session of the Two Houses to Consider Specific Amendments to the Constitution.

At two minutes past two o'clock P.M., the two Houses met in

JOINT SESSION

and were called to order by the Honorable Robert E. Travaglini, President of the Senate.

Prior to consideration of matters in the Joint Session Calendar, Mr. Berry and Ms. Murray moved that the Proposal for a Legislative

Amendment to the Constitution relative to the affirmation of marriage (House, No. 3190) be discharged from its position in the calendar and considered forthwith, under the suspension of House rule 47; and the motion prevailed. The proposal was then read twice in accordance with the provisions of the special rules.

The Proposal was as follows:—

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

It being the public policy of this Commonwealth to protect the unique relationship of marriage in order to promote, among other goals, the stability and welfare of society and the best interest of children, only the union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Massachusetts. Any other relationship shall not be recognized as a marriage or its legal equivalent.

Pending the question on ordering the proposal to a third reading, Mr. Barrios moved that the proposal be amended by substituting the following new text:—

"It is the public policy of this commonwealth to protect the unique relationship of marriage in order to promote, among other goals, the stability and welfare of society. All marriages between two people shall be eligible for all the rights and benefits of marriage".

Pending the question on adoption of the amendment, Mr. Finneran of Boston moved that the amendment be further amended striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following:—

It being the public policy of the Commonwealth to protect the unique relationship of marriage, only the union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Massachusetts.

This article is self-executing, but the General Court may enact laws not inconsistent with anything herein contained to carry out the purpose of the article, including but not limited to, the enactment of laws establishing civil unions as may be defined by the General Court from time to time.

Mr. Marzilli of Arlington raised a point of order, which being stated that the amendment offered by Mr. Finneran was beyond the scope of the pending Barrios amendment.

The President ruled that the point of order was NOT well taken. During further consideration of the amendment, Ms. Murray doubted the presence of a quorum; but a quorum was deemed present.

After debate, the question on adoption of the further amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at sixteen minutes before five o'clock P.M., as follows to wit (Yeas 98 — Nays 100) [Senate Yeas and Nays No. 452] [House Yeas and Nays No. 522]:

YEAS (98).

Senators.

Brewer, Stephen M. Creedon, Robert S., Jr. Glodis, Guy W. Hart, John A., Jr. Hedlund, Robert L. Moore, Richard T. Morrissey, Michael W. Pacheco, Marc R. Panagiotakos, Steven C. — 9.

Representatives.

Asselin, Christopher P. Hvnes, Frank M. Atsalis. Demetrius J. Jones, Bradlev H., Jr. Ayers, Bruce J. Kane, Michael F. Binienda, John J. Keenan, Daniel F. Bradley, Garrett J. Knuuttila, Brian Broadhurst, Arthur J. Koczera, Robert M. Brown, Scott P. Kujawski, Paul Callahan, Jennifer M. Lantigua, William Canavan, Christine E. Larkin, Peter J. Candaras, Gale D. LeDuc, Stephen P. Carron, Mark J. Lepper, John A. Casey, Paul C. Loscocco, Paul J. Miceli, James R. Ciampa, Vincent P. Connolly, Edward G. Murphy, James M. Coppola, Michael J. Nangle, David M. Correia, Robert Naughton, Harold P., Jr. Coughlin, Robert K. Nyman, Robert J. Creedon, Geraldine O'Brien. Thomas J. DeLeo, Robert A. O'Flaherty, Eugene L. deMacedo, Viriato Manuel Owens-Hicks, Shirley Dempsey, Brian S. Parente, Marie J. Donato, Paul J. Perry, Jeffrey D. Driscoll, Joseph R. Peterson, George N., Jr. Evangelidis, Lewis G. Petrolati, Thomas M. Fagan, James H. Poirier, Elizabeth A. Fennell, Robert F. Polito, Karvn E. Finneran, Thomas M. Pope, Susan W. Flynn, David L. Quinn, John F. Fresolo, John P. Rogeness, Mary S. Frost, Paul K. Rogers, John H. Garry, Colleen M. Ruane, J. Michael George, Thomas N. Rush, Michael F. Gifford, Susan W. Scaccia, Angelo M. Gobi, Anne M. Simmons, Mary Jane Goguen, Emile J. Spiliotis, Joyce A. Golden, Brian Paul Timilty, Walter F. Golden, Thomas A., Jr. Tobin, A. Stephen Gomes. Shirley Travis, Philip Greene, William G., Jr. Vallee, James E. Hall. Geoffrey D. Verga, Anthony J. Hargraves, Robert S. Wagner, Joseph F. Hill, Bradford Wallace, Brian P. Hillman, Reed V. Walrath, Patricia A. Howland, Mark A. Webster, Daniel K. - 89. Humason, Donald F., Jr.

Nays (100).

Senators.

Antonioni, Robert A. Montigny, Mark C. Murray. Therese Baddour, Steven A. Barrios, Jarrett T. Nuciforo, Andrea F., Jr. Berry, Frederick E. O'Leary, Robert A. Chandler, Harriette L. Resor, Pamela Creem. Cvnthia Stone Rosenberg, Stanley C. Fargo, Susan C. Shannon, Charles E. Havern, Robert A. Sprague, Jo Ann Joyce, Brian A. Tarr. Bruce E. Knapik, Michael R. Tisei, Richard R. Lees, Brian P. Tolman, Steven A. Magnani, David P. Travaglini, Robert E. McGee, Thomas M. Tucker, Susan C. Melconian, Linda J. Walsh, Marian Menard, Joan M. Wilkerson, Dianne — 30.

Representatives.

Atkins, Cory L'Italien, Barbara A. Balser, Ruth B. Malia, Elizabeth A. Blumer, Deborah D. Marzilli, J. James, Jr. Bosley, Daniel E. Murphy, Charles A. Buoniconti, Stephen J. Murphy, Kevin J. Cabral, Antonio F. D. Patrick. Matthew Costello, Michael A. Paulsen, Anne M. deMacedo, Viriato Manuel Pedone. Vincent A. Demakis, Paul C. Peisch. Alice H. DiMasi, Salvatore F. Petersen, Douglas W. Donelan, Christopher J. Petruccelli, Anthony Donovan, Carol A. Pignatelli, Smitty Eldridge, James B. Reinstein, Kathi-Anne Fallon, Christopher G. Rivera, Chervl A. Falzone, Mark V. Rodrigues, Michael J. Festa, Michael E. Rushing, Byron Finegold, Barry R. Sánchez, Jeffrey Fox, Gloria L. Scibak, John W. Galvin, William C. Smizik, Frank Israel Grant, Mary E. Speliotis, Theodore C. Haddad, Patricia A. Spellane, Robert P. Hargraves, Robert S. Spilka, Karen Honan, Kevin G. Stanley, Harriett L. Jehlen, Patricia D. Stanley, Thomas M. Kafka, Louis L. St. Fleur, Marie P. Kaprielian, Rachel Story, Ellen Kaufman, Jay R. Straus, William M. Kelly, Shaun P. Sullivan, David B. Kennedy, Thomas P. Swan, Benjamin Khan, Kay Teahan, Kathleen M. Kocot, Peter V. Toomey, Timothy J., Jr. Koutoujian, Peter J. Torrisi, David M. Kulik, Stephen Turkington, Eric Leary, James Brendan Walsh, Martin J. Lepper, John A. Walsh, Steven M.

Wolf. Alice K. — 70.

Linsky, David P.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING (1).

Representative.

Mariano, Ronald — 1.

The yeas and nays having been completed at six minutes before five o'clock P.M., the further amendment was *rejected*.

Pending the question on adoption of the pending Barrios amendment, Messrs. Lees and Travaglini moved that the amendment be further amended by striking out the text and inserting in place thereof the following text:—

"Section 1. It being the public policy of this commonwealth to define the unique relationship of marriage, only the union of one man and one woman shall be valid as a marriage in the commonwealth.

Section 2. The people of the Commonwealth adopt this Article to protect the unique relationship of marriage. The people also wish to establish civil unions to provide to same-sex couples all the benefits, protections, rights and responsibilities under state law as are granted to spouses in a marriage, while recognizing that under present federal law same-sex couples in civil unions will be denied federal benefits available to married couples.

Section 3. Two persons of the same sex shall have the right to form a civil union if they meet the requirements set forth by law for marriage between a man and a woman. All laws applicable to marriage, including laws relating to dissolution of marriages, shall also apply to civil unions. Spouses in a civil union shall have all the same benefits, protections, rights and responsibilities under law as are granted to spouses in a marriage. To the extent that a law adopts, refers to or relies on a federal law that applies to the commonwealth, spouses in civil unions shall have access to the full legal, social, cultural and economic protections, benefits and obligations accorded to married couples in the commonwealth. As used in this section, "law" means any law of the commonwealth, or of any of its political subdivisions, or of any entity established to serve a public purpose, whether defined by statute, agency or court rule or regulation, ordinance, by-law, policy, common law or other source of civil law.

The appropriate agencies of the executive department shall take all necessary measures to provide civil union license forms as required by the laws governing equivalent marriage forms and to provide for the maintenance of records of all civil unions and the dissolution thereof.

The procedures under law for issuing a marriage license shall apply to issuing a civil union license.

Section 4. Persons of the same sex who married before the effective date of this Article shall be considered instead to have formed a civil union under section 3.

Section 5. This Article shall be construed liberally to secure to eligible couples the option of a legal status with all the attributes and effects, benefits and protections of marriage.

Section 6. This Article is self-executing, but the general court may enact laws consistent with this Article to carry out this Article's purposes."; and by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof

the following title:— "Proposal for a Legislative Amendment to the Constitution limiting civil marriage to a man and a woman and establishing civil unions to provide benefits, protections, rights and responsibilities for same-sex couples."

During consideration of the further amendment, at six minutes past six o'clock P.M., Ms. Murray doubted the presence of quorum and at eleven minutes past six o'clock P.M., a quorum was deemed present.

After further consideration, Mr. Rosenberg doubted the presence of a quorum and at twenty-nine minutes before eight o'clock P.M., a roll call was taken for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum; and on the roll call 198 members were recorded as being in attendance. [Senate Yeas and Nays No. 453] [House Yeas and Nays No. 523]:

YEAS (0). NAYS (0).

Answered "Present" (198).

Senators.

Antonioni, Robert A. Montigny, Mark C. Moore, Richard T. Baddour, Steven A. Morrissey, Michael W. Barrios, Jarrett T. Berry, Frederick E. Murray, Therese Brewer, Stephen M. Nuciforo, Andrea F., Jr. Chandler, Harriette L. O'Leary, Robert A. Creedon, Robert S., Jr. Pacheco, Marc R. Creem, Cynthia Stone Panagiotakos, Steven C. Fargo, Susan C. Resor, Pamela Glodis, Guy W. Rosenberg, Stanley C. Hart, John A., Jr. Shannon, Charles E. Havern, Robert A. Sprague, Jo Ann Hedlund, Robert L. Tarr. Bruce E. Joyce, Brian A. Tisei, Richard R. Knapik, Michael R. Tolman, Steven A. Lees. Brian P. Travaglini, Robert E. Magnani, David P. Tucker, Susan C. McGee. Thomas M. Walsh, Marian Melconian, Linda J. Wilkerson, Dianne - 39. Menard, Joan M.

Representatives.

Asselin, Christopher P Callahan, Jennifer M. Atkins, Cory Canavan, Christine E. Atsalis, Demetrius J. Candaras, Gale D. Avers, Bruce J. Carron, Mark J. Balser, Ruth B. Casey, Paul C. Binienda, John J. Ciampa, Vincent P. Blumer, Deborah D. Connolly, Edward G. Bosley, Daniel E. Coppola, Michael J. Bradley, Garrett J. Correia, Robert Broadhurst, Arthur J. Costello, Michael A. Brown, Scott P. Coughlin, Robert K. Buoniconti, Stephen J. Creedon, Geraldine Cabral, Antonio F. D. DeLeo. Robert A.

deMacedo, Viriato Manuel Demakis, Paul C. Dempsey, Brian S. DiMasi, Salvatore F. Donato, Paul J. Donelan, Christopher J. Donovan, Carol A. Driscoll, Joseph R. Eldridge, James B. Evangelidis, Lewis G. Fagan, James H. Fallon, Christopher G. Falzone, Mark V. Fennell, Robert F. Festa, Michael E. Finegold, Barry R. Flynn, David L. Fox, Gloria L. Fresolo, John P. Frost, Paul K. Galvin, William C. Garry, Colleen M. George, Thomas N. Gifford, Susan W. Gobi, Anne M. Goguen, Emile J. Golden, Brian Paul Golden, Thomas A., Jr. Gomes, Shirley Grant, Mary E. Greene, William G., Jr. Haddad, Patricia A. Hall, Geoffrey D. Hargraves, Robert S. Harkins, Lida E. Hill Bradford Hillman Reed V. Honan, Kevin G. Howland, Mark A. Humason, Donald F., Jr. Hvnes, Frank M. Jehlen, Patricia D. Jones, Bradley H., Jr. Kgfka, Louis L. Kane, Michael F. Kaprielian, Rachel Kaufman, Jay R. Keenan, Daniel F. Kelly, Shaun P. Kennedy, Thomas P. Khan, Kay Knuuttila, Brian Kocot, Peter V. Koczera, Robert M Koutoujian, Peter J. Kujawski, Paul Kulik, Stephen

L'Italien, Barbara A.

Lantigua, William Larkin, Peter J. Leary, James Brendan LeDuc, Stephen P. Lepper, John A. Linsky, David P. Loscocco, Paul J. Malia Elizabeth A Mariano, Ronald Marzilli, J. James, Jr. Miceli, James R. Murphy, Charles A. Murphy, James M. Murphy, Kevin J. Nangle, David M. Naughton, Harold P., Jr. Nyman, Robert J. O'Brien, Thomas J. O'Flaherty, Eugene L. Owens-Hicks, Shirley Parente, Marie J. Patrick. Matthew Paulsen, Anne M. Pedone, Vincent A. Peisch, Alice H. Perry, Jeffrey D. Petersen, Douglas W. Peterson, George N., Jr. Petrolati, Thomas M. Petruccelli, Anthony Pignatelli, Smitty Poirier, Elizabeth A. Polito, Karyn E. Pope, Susan W. Quinn, John F. Reinstein Kathi-Anne Rivera, Chervl A. Rodrigues, Michael J. Rogeness, Mary S. Rogers, John H. Ruane, J. Michael Rush, Michael F. Rushing, Byron Sánchez, Jeffrey Scaccia, Angelo M. Scibak, John W. Simmons, Mary Jane Smizik Frank Israel Speliotis, Theodore C. Spellane, Robert P. Spiliotis, Joyce A. Spilka, Karen Stanley, Harriett L. Stanley, Thomas M. St. Fleur, Marie P. Story, Ellen Straus, William M. Sullivan, David B.

Verga, Anthony J. Swan, Benjamin Wagner, Joseph F. Teahan, Kathleen M. Wallace, Brian P. Timilty, Walter F. Walrath Patricia A. Tobin, A. Stephen Walsh, Martin J. Toomey, Timothy J., Jr. Walsh. Steven M. Torrisi, David M. Webster Daniel K. Travis, Philip Turkington, Eric Wolf, Alice K. - 159. Vallee, James E.

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING (1).

Mariano, Ronald — 1.

After further debate, the question on adoption of the further amendment offered by Messrs. Lees and Travaglini to the pending Barrios amendment was determined by a call of the yeas and nays at seventeen minutes past eight o'clock P.M. as follows to wit (Yeas 94 — Nays 104) [Senate Yeas and Nays No. 454] [House Yeas and Nays No. 524]:

YEAS (94).

Senators.

Antonioni, Robert A. Menard. Joan M. Baddour, Steven A. Montigny, Mark C. Barrios, Jarrett T. Murray, Therese Berry, Frederick E. Nuciforo, Andrea F., Jr. Brewer, Stephen M. O'Leary, Robert A. Chandler, Harriette L. Pacheco, Marc R. Creem, Cynthia Stone Panagiotakos, Steven C. Resor, Pamela Fargo, Susan C. Glodis, Guy W. Rosenberg, Stanley C. Hart, John A., Jr. Shannon, Charles E. Havern, Robert A. Tarr. Bruce E. Joyce, Brian A. Tisei, Richard R. Knapik, Michael R. Tolman, Steven A. Lees. Brian P. Travaglini, Robert E. McGee, Thomas M. Tucker, Susan C. Melconian, Linda J. Wilkerson, Dianne — 32.

Representatives.

Atkins, Corv Fagan, James H. Blumer, Deborah D. Fallon, Christopher G. Falzone, Mark V. Bosley, Daniel E. Fennell, Robert F. Buoniconti, Stephen J. Cabral, Antonio F. D. Festa, Michael E. Callahan, Jennifer M. Finegold, Barry R. Flynn, David L. Costello, Michael A. Fox, Gloria L. Coughlin, Robert K. Creedon, Geraldine Galvin, William C. DeLeo, Robert A. Gobi. Anne M. Grant. Mary E. Demakis, Paul C. Honan, Kevin G. Donelan, Christopher J. Donovan, Carol A. Howland, Mark A. Eldridge, James B. Jehlen, Patricia D.

Kafka, Louis L. Kaprielian, Rachel Kaufman, Jav R. Kennedy, Thomas P. Khan, Kay Kocot, Peter V. Kulik, Stephen Leary, James Brendan LeDuc, Stephen P. Linsky, David P. L'Italien, Barbara A. Marzilli, J. James, Jr. Murphy, Charles A. Murphy, Kevin J. Owens-Hicks, Shirley Paulsen, Anne M. Peisch, Alice H.

Petersen, Douglas W Petruccelli, Anthony Reinstein, Kathi-Anne Rivera Chervl A Rodrigues, Michael J. Scibak, John W. Spellane, Robert P. Spilka, Karen Stanley, Harriett L. Story, Ellen Straus, William M. Sullivan, David B. Swan, Benjamin Teahan, Kathleen M. Torrisi, David M. Verga, Anthony J. Walsh, Steven M. — 62.

NAYS (104).

Senators.

Creedon, Robert S., Jr. Hedlund, Robert L. Magnani, David P. Moore, Richard T.

Morrissey, Michael W. Sprague, Jo Ann Walsh, Marian — 7.

Representatives.

Asselin, Christopher P. Atsalis, Demetrius J. Ayers, Bruce J. Balser, Ruth B. Binienda, John J. Bradley, Garrett J. Broadhurst, Arthur J. Brown, Scott P. Canavan, Christine E. Candaras, Gale D. Carron, Mark J. Casey, Paul C. Ciampa, Vincent P. Connolly, Edward G. Coppola, Michael J. Correia, Robert deMacedo. Viriato Manuel Dempsey, Brian S. DiMasi, Salvatore F. Donato, Paul J. Driscoll, Joseph R. Evangelidis, Lewis G. Finneran, Thomas M. Fresolo, John P. Frost, Paul K. Garry, Colleen M. George, Thomas N. Gifford, Susan W.

Goguen, Emile J. Golden, Brian Paul Golden, Thomas A., Jr. Gomes, Shirley Greene, William G., Jr. Haddad, Patricia A. Hall. Geoffrey D. Hargraves, Robert S. Harkins, Lida E. Hill. Bradford Hillman, Reed V. Humason, Donald F., Jr. Hvnes, Frank M. Jones, Bradley H., Jr. Kane, Michael F. Keenan, Daniel F. Kelly, Shaun P. Knuuttila, Brian Koczera, Robert M. Koutoujian, Peter J. Kujawski, Paul Lantigua, William Larkin, Peter J. Lepper, John A. Loscocco, Paul J. Malia, Elizabeth A. Miceli, James R. Murphy, James M.

Nangle, David M. Sánchez, Jeffrey Naughton, Harold P., Jr. Scaccia, Angelo M. Nyman, Robert J. Simmons, Mary Jane O'Brien, Thomas J. Smizik, Frank Israel O'Flaherty, Eugene L. Speliotis, Theodore C. Parente, Marie J. Spiliotis, Joyce A. Patrick Matthew Stanley, Thomas M. Pedone, Vincent A. St. Fleur, Marie P. Perry, Jeffrey D. Timilty. Walter F. Peterson, George N., Jr. Tobin, A. Stephen Petrolati, Thomas M. Toomey, Timothy J., Jr. Pignatelli, Smitty Travis, Philip Poirier, Elizabeth A. Turkington, Eric Polito, Karyn E. Vallee, James E. Pope, Susan W. Wagner, Joseph F. Quinn, John F. Wallace, Brian P. Rogeness, Mary S. Walrath, Patricia A. Rogers, John H. Walsh, Martin J. Ruane, J. Michael Webster, Daniel K. Rush, Michael F. Wolf, Alice K. — 97. Rushing, Byron

The yeas and nays having been completed at twenty-eight minutes past eight o'clock P.M., the further amendment was rejected.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston.—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet Next sitting tomorrow at half past eleven o'clock A.M.; and that, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be authorized to dispense with the printing of a Calendar for said sitting.

Mr. Petruccelli of Boston then moved that, when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of George DiLorenzo, a member of the House from Boston from 1965 to 1970, inclusive, and 1973 and 1974.

Accordingly, at twenty-six minutes before nine o'clock P.M., on further motion of Mr. Petruccelli (the Speaker being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at half past eleven o'clock A.M.